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Letter dated 24 May 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from the Government of Ukraine, I have the honour to transmit a commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the visit of the Head of Government of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine) (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (a), and of the Security Council.

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Commentary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the visit of the Head of Government of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, to the temporarily occupied Autonomous Republic of Crimea (Ukraine)

24 May 2016

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine expresses its protest against the visit, uncoordinated with Ukraine, of the Head of Government of the Russian Federation, Dmitry Medvedev, to the sovereign territory of Ukraine in its internationally recognized borders, including the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol.

The visit of Mr. Medvedev to the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea is a clear disregard by the Russian authorities for the sovereignty of Ukraine, proof of violations by the Russian Federation of the Charter of the United Nations and norms and principles of international law, and conscious defiance by this State of its international obligations.

All responsibility for this and other violations lies with the Russian Federation as an occupying State according to the provisions of international law, its officials, as well as illegal "bodies of Crimea" and its representatives that adopt illegal decisions and perform unlawful actions.